Requirements of levy sugar of the states of Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Karnataka are being mostly met from factories located in the respective states. Kerala being a deficit state release of levy for the state is being effected from factories located in near-by states.

Food Corporation of India, in cooperation with State agencies, is responsible to procure all the paddy offered at regulated markets in Andhra pradesh. Purchase centres are opened by FCI in such markets. The arrangements are being further strenghthened in cooperation with the state Government.

Food credit is advanced by the commercial banks for helping the procurement operations in accordance with the procurement policy laid down by the Central Government. Advances for essential commodities are covered by the selective credit Control of R.B.I.whose objective is one of preventing speculative holding of certain essential commodities with the help of bank credit. Bank credit for food procurement cannot therefore be compared to financing of essential/sensitive commodities like edible oil and sugar etc.

It has not been possible to supply edible oil after March, 1991 due to absence of import.

**Performance of Public Sector Undertakings**

*793. SHRIMATI VASUNDHRA RAJE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a though review of performance of the Public Sector Undertakings has been made;

(b) if so, the particulars of such Public Sector Undertakings;

(c) the actual performance of these undertakings as reviewed so far; and

(d) the date by which the review is likely to be completed in the case of all the public sector Undertakings.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P.K.THUNGON): (a) to (d). Reviewing the performence of Central Public Sector enterprises is a continuous process at the levels of Board of Directors/concerned administrative Ministries/Departments. Yearly review of the performance of all the central public sector Enterprises, based on other Annual audited reports, is done and placed before Parliament every year during the Budget Session in a review titled "Public Enterprises Survey", The latest report for the Year 1989-90 was placed before the Parliament on 27th February, 1991, and the next report for the year 1990-91 will be due for presentation during the next Budget Session in February, 1992.

**Bio Fertilizers**

*794. DR.V.RAJESWARAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be Pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken to increase the production of fertilizers including bio-fertilizers to meet the ever-increasing demand for fertilizers in the country;

(b) whether the Union Government propose to take up projects for production of bio-fertilizers in the four southern states; and

(c) if so; the fund allocation proposed to be made to these states for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (DR.CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The steps taken to increase the production of chemical fertilizers are:

i) Expansion of Existing fertilizer plants.

ii) setting up of new fertilizer plants.